

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested, because the Amendment cancels claims with Examiner allowed objected to dependent claims amended into independent form, and amends other independent claim generally along the lines of allowed independent claims, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 6, 8, 11-13 and 21-23 are pending in the application.

Claims 6, 8, and 11 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barlow (U.S. Patent No. 6,038,551) in view of Kwok (US Patent No. 6,829,711).

Dependent claims 12, 13 and 21-23 are objected to as being allowable if amended into independent form

According to the foregoing, allowed objected to dependent claims 12 and 21 are amended into independent form, independent claims 6 and 11 are cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice, and independent claim 8 is amended along the lines of amended independent claims 12 and 21. No new matter has been added in this Amendment.

Thus, claims 8, 12-13 and 21-23 remain pending, which are understood to be allowable.

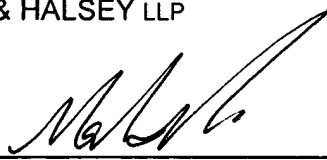
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

CONCLUSION

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,
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